

IN THE EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

In The Matter of PCT International Patent Application:

Applicant : Alberta Research Council Inc.; SARKAR, Partho; YAMARTE, Luis; JOHANSON, Lorne; RHO, Hongsang
Owner : Alberta Research Council Inc.
PCT Appln. No. : PCT/CA03/01118
PCT Filing Date : July 24, 2003
Title : METAL-SUPPORTED TUBULAR FUEL CELL
Our File : V80029WO
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Demand under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty; and Request for Detailed Examination

Dear Sir:

The Applicant requests that the International Application specified above be made the subject of International Preliminary Examination according to Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

In addition, the Applicant requests detailed examination of this case.

The prescribed Demand form is attached hereto without payment of the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee as the applicant is still awaiting receipt of the international search report. It is the applicant's understanding that due to the current search backlog, the EPO acting as IPEA will accept, without any late payment fee under Rule 58bis PCT, the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee due in respect of the demand relating to the present application, even if they are not paid within the time limit prescribed in Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b) PCT, provided that they are paid within one month from the date of transmittal of the ISR.

Respectfully submitted,
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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No	PCT/CA03/01118	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only								
Applicant's or agent's file reference	V80029WO	Date stamp of the IPEA								
<p>Applicant Alberta Research Council Inc.; Partho Sarkar; Luis Yamarte; Lorne Johanson; Hongsang Rho</p>										
<p>CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES</p>										
1. Preliminary examination fee	EUR1530	P								
2. Handling fee (Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee)	EUR159	H								
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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		
International application No PCT/CA03/01118	International filing date (day/month/year) 24 July 2003 (24.07.03)	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 25 July 2002 (25.07.02)
Title of invention METAL-SUPPORTED TUBULAR FUEL CELL		
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Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative
 and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination
 is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked
 is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier

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Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendment(s)*

- 1 The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:
 the international application as originally filed
 the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34
 the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34
 the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34
- 2 The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed
3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69 1(d)
4. The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis 1(a).

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: **ENGLISH**

which is the language in which the international application was filed
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
 which is the language of publication of the international application.
 which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The filing of this demand constitutes the election of all Contracting States which are designated and are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

1. translation of international application	:	sheets
2. amendments under Article 34	:	sheets
3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	:	sheets
4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	:	sheets
5. letter	:	1 sheets
6. other (specify)	:	sheets

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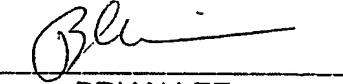
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
2 <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form
3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	7. <input type="checkbox"/> tables in computer readable form related to a sequence listing
4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	8. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).



BRIAN LEE

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1 Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60 1(b):

3 The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply
 The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4 The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the time limit of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5 Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82

6 The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54bis. 1(a) and item 7 or 8, below, does not apply

7 The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the time limit under Rule 54bis 1(a) as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5

8 Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54bis 1(a), the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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